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SUBJECT: INTER-VISITOR HENRY DELISLE

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SUMMARY. HENRY DELISLE, A CLOSE FRIEND OF AND FREQUENT SPOKESMAN FOR SOCIALIST PARTY (PS) FIRST SECRETARY FRANCOIS MITTERRAND, WILL VISIT THE US BETWEEN JULY 5 AND AUGUST 15 AS AN INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANTEE. MITTERRAND HAS ASKED HIM TO CALL ON A NUMBER OF DEPARTMENT AND DOD OFFICIALS IN ORDER TO PREPARE FOR A TRIP WHICH MITTERRAND HOPES TO MAKE TO THE STATES IN THE FALL. IN ADDITION, DELISLE, AS THE MAYOR OF A SMALL TOWN WITH MAJOR INDUSTRIAL PLANS, HOPES TO VISIT WITH ASSOCIATIONS OF MUNICIPALITIES AND WITH NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PARTY OFFICIALS. END SUMMARY.

1. HENRY DELISLE IS THE MAYOR OF MEZIDON (CALVADOS -- ABOUT 5000 POPULATION), PS SPECIAL REPORTER FOR ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS AND A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF FRANCOIS MITTERRAND. IN THIS LATTER CAPACITY, HE HAS BEEN AN EMBASSY CONTACT FOR OVER A YEAR AND HAS OFTEN BEEN HELPFUL IN ARRANGING VARIOUS MATTERS WITH THE PS. THE CLOSENESS OF DELISLE'S RELATIONSHIP WITH MITTERRAND
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CANNOT BE OVER-EMPHASIZED: THE TWO MEN FISH TOGETHER,

THEY TALK ON THE PHONE SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK AND MITTERRAND ENTRUSTS DELISLE WITH VARIOUS SENSITIVE PROBLEMS WHICH HE IS SOMETIMES RELUCTANT TO TRUST TO THE PARTY BUREAUCRACY.

2. AT MITTERRAND'S REQUEST, DELISLE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE FOLLOWING PERSONS (DELISLE CAME TO THE EMBASSY WITH A LIST OF FUNCTIONS AND POSITIONS; EMBASSY ROLE WAS LIMITED TO PROVIDING NAMES AT DELISLE'S REQUEST):

EUR/WE: MESSRS. BARBOUR, MARSH, BEIGEL AND HABIB. DELISLE WILL WISH TO DISCUSS MITTERRAND'S TRIP TO THE US.

C: MR. SONNENFELDT AND APPROPRIATE MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF. TO DISCUSS MBFR, SALT AND CSCE AS THESE ISSUES AFFECT FRANCE; TO DISCUSS FRANCO-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

EUR/RPE: TO DISCUSS US VIEWS OF CURRENT EC PROBLEMS, TO DISCUSS THE CAP.

EUR/RPM: MR. HOLMES. TO CONVEY PERSONAL GREETINGS FROM MITTERRAND.

EUR: MESSRS. LOWENSTEIN AND HARTMAN; TO DISCUSS THE MITTERRAND TRIP.

DOD/ISA: HEADS OF EUROPEAN AND FRENCH AFFAIRS.

3. CONGRESSIONAL CONTACTS: DELISLE, AGAIN ACTING AT THE INSTIGATION OF THE PS, WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS PARLIAMENTARY EXCHANGE PROGRAMS WITH CONGRESSMAN TOM RAILSBACK, WOULD LIKE TO MEET CONGRESSMAN ROBERT DRINAN (TO DISCUSS RELATIONS BETWEEN ORGANIZED LABOR AND POLITICAL LIFE IN HIS DISTRICT) AND WOULD ALSO LIKE TO DISCUSS EUROPEAN AFFAIRS WITH STAFF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND THE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. IF POSSIBLE, A MEETING WITH CLIFFORD P. HACKETT OF THE LATTER COMMITTEE SHOULD BE ARRANGED.

4. OTHER WASHINGTON ACTIVITIES: DELISLE HAS REQUESTED MEETINGS WITH AFL/CIO OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND THE PROBLEM OF ZERO GROWTH. HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MEET WITH VARIOUS ASSOCIATIONS OF CITIES
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TO DISCUSS STATE/FEDERAL FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS, CITY INSTITUTIONS AND RELATIONS BETWEEN MAYORS AND THEIR CITY COUNCILS. IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE HE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS US VIEWS OF CORPORATIONS PLANNING TO INVEST OR BUILD FACTORIES IN FRANCE. IN MEETINGS WITH TOP-LEVEL DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PARTY NATIONAL OFFICIALS DELISLE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS CAMPAIGN FINANCING, ORGANIZATION AND STRUCTURING OF PARTY

INSTITUTIONS (HIS OWN FIELD OF EXPERTISE IN THE PS) AND

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PRESS SERVICES. HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE DAILY OPERATIONS OF A MAJOR GOVERNMENT AGENCY PRESS SERVICE; HE HAS EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN DOD AND HEW. FINALLY HE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COURTESY CALL ON SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY.

5. TRAVEL PLANS: DELISLE AND HIS WIFE WOULD LIKE TO SPEND MOST OF THEIR TRIP IN THE SOUTHERN US. IF POSSIBLE, HE WOULD LIKE TO BE AT THE APOLLO/SOYUZ LAUNCH (JULY 15) AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A RENTED CAR MADE AVAILABLE FOR A TRIP FROM ORLANDO TO NEW ORLEANS. AFTER 4-5 DAYS IN NEW ORLEANS HE WOULD LIKE TO GO TO NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE IF APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS CAN BE ARRANGED (SEE BELOW) AND THEN TO THE DETROIT AREA AT THE END OF HIS TRIP. WHILE IN THE WASHINGTON DC AREA, DELISLE WOULD APPRECIATE A RENTAL CAR WHICH WOULD ENABLE HIM TO SEE THE SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK AND THE WARRENTON AREA. HE WOULD LIKE TO DRIVE TO MONTICELLO ON THE WEEKEND OF JULY 12-13. WHILE WE UNDERSTAND (REFTTEL) THAT HIS OFFICIAL PROGRAMMING CANNOT BEGIN UNTIL JULY 14, CAR RENTAL AND WASHINGTON HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR JULY 7-14 AS A FUNCTION OF APPOINTMENTS DISCUSSED PARA 11 BELOW, WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL. MAY WE

MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR AIRLINE TICKETS FROM NEW YORK
TO WASHINGTON OR WILL PROGRAMMERS REIMBURSE DELISLE FOR
THIS PORTION OF HIS TRAVEL?
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6. NEW ORLEANS -- APPOINTMENTS IN THE CITY: DELISLE
WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS, WITH
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AFL/CIO'S COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL
EDUCATION (COPE) AND WITH JOURNALISTS AT THE TIMES -
PICAYUNE.

7. AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS: DELISLE COMES FROM AN AREA
OF DAIRY AND SMALL GRAIN FARMS. HIS INTEREST IN US
AGRICULTURE IS TO SEE BOTH EXTREMES OF THE SIZE
SPECTRUM: HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT A SMALL FARMER TO FIND
OUT HOW THE FAMILY FARM IS SURVIVING IN AN INCREASINGLY
AGRIBUSINESS DOMINATED MARKETPLACE, AND HE WOULD LIKE
TO SEE SOME EXAMPLES OF VERY LARGE FARMING OPERATIONS.
LARGE DAIRY FARMS COULD BE SEEN IN FLORIDA, AND FRUIT-
GROWERS MIGHT BE VISITED IN MICHIGAN AS WELL AS IN THE
SOUTH. SMALL FARMERS MIGHT BE VISITED IN MICHIGAN AND/
OR TENNESSEE; PROGRAMMERS MAY WISH TO MAKE CONTACTS
WITH SUCH FARMERS THROUGH EXTENSION SERVICES AT LAND-
GRANT COLLEGES.

8. NASHVILLE: DELISLE IS FASCINATED BY THE LATE ROBERT
F. KENNEDY'S INFLUENCE ON AMERICAN POLITICS. WE HAVE
SUGGESTED THAT HE MIGHT WELL PROFIT FROM AN APPOINTMENT
WITH JOHN SEIGENTHALER, PUBLISHER OF THE NASHVILLE
TENNESSEAN AND FORMER AIDE TO SENATOR KENNEDY. IF
POSSIBLE, DELISLE SHOULD HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH MR.
SEIGENTHALER; IF NOT POSSIBLE, NASHVILLE CAN BE SKIPPED.
EMBOFF WHO KNOWS SEIGENTHALER WILL WRITE TO HIM
DIRECTLY.

9. THE DETROIT AREA: DELISLE WOULD LIKE TO SEE HOW THE
PRESS FUNCTIONS IN A LARGE URBAN ENVIRONMENT. IN ORDER
TO DO THIS, WE HAVE SUGGESTED THAT HE CONTACT MRS.
DOROTHY MAGEE (MOTHER OF EMBOFF), ASSOCIATE EDITOR OF
THE MACOMB DAILY IN MOUNT CLEMENS, WHO WILL ASSIST HIM
WITH APPROPRIATE CONTACTS AMONG THE EDITORS OF THE

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DETROIT NEWS AND OTHER LEADING JOURNALISTS IN THE
DETROIT METROPOLITAN AREA. PROGRAMMERS SHOULD ALSO
ARRANGE MEETINGS WITH UAW OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS SPECIFI-
CALLY THEIR VIEWS ON THE QUALITY OF WORKING LIFE.

10. PERSONAL DATA: DELISLE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS
WIFE ALICE; MRS. DELISLE PREFERS TO FLY AS LITTLE AS
POSSIBLE BUT WILL ACCEPT' WE BELIEVE, THE NECESSITY OF
FLIGHTS IN THE UNITED STATES. MRS. DELISLE IS INTERES-
TED IN THE ARTS AND WOULD BE PERFECTLY DELIGHTED TO
SPEND AS MUCH TIME AS POSSIBLE IN ART GALLERIES.
DELISLE HIMSELF IS AN AVID OCEAN FISHERMAN AND A BREAK
FROM HIS SCHEDULE MIGHT EVEN INCLUDE A DEEP SEA FISHING
TRIP OUT OF MOBILE OR IN FLORIDA, SHOULD THAT BE
POSSIBLE. WHILE IN WASHINGTON, THE DELISLES SHOULD BE
PROGRAMMED TO SEE THE PHILIPS COLLECTION.

11. SCHEDULING PROBLEMS: DELISLE UNDERSTANDS THAT
PROGRAMMING AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON WILL NOT BE ABLE
TO RECEIVE HIM PRIOR TO JULY 14. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF
HIS NEED TO TRAVEL BY SURFACE, HE MUST ARRIVE IN THE
US ON JULY 5 (HE PLANS TO SPEND THE JULY 5-6 WEEKEND IN
NEW YORK WITH FRIENDS). DELISLE HAS ASKED US TO REQUEST
THAT APPOINTMENTS WITHIN DEPARTMENT AND DOD TAKE PLACE
IN THE WEEK OF JULY 7-14. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT EUR/
WE PROCEED TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS REQUESTED PARAS 2 AND
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3 ABOVE FOR THAT WEEK, COORDINATING WITH CU/WE.

12. PUBLICATION PLANS: WHILE IN THE US DELISLE EXPECTS TO WRITE A KIND OF DAILY TRAVELER'S DIARY FOR PUBLICATION IN OUEST-FRANCE. AGENCIES SHOULD BE AWARE THAT HE MAY WISH TO TRANSMIT THESE STORIES ON A DAILY BASIS; HE HAS REQUESTED THAT PROGRAMMERS BE AWARE OF HIS DESIRES AND, WHERE SUCH TRANSMISSION SEEMS TO POSE A PROBLEM, MAKE PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS.

13. BIO FORMS ON MR./MRS. DELISLE HAVE BEEN POUCHED TO CU/WE.
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